

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) are set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2-9, 11-19, 21-23, 25-27, and 34-64. Please ADD new claims 65-67 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-64 (CANCELLED)

65. (NEW) A monitoring portable information terminal receiving position information from a monitored portable information terminal via a central system, comprising:

a map data storage unit storing map data;

an instruction receiving unit receiving instructions to display a relative position between the monitoring portable information terminal and the monitored portable information terminal;

a request unit requesting the central system, which manages position information of the monitoring portable information terminal and position information of the monitored portable information terminal, to obtain position information of the monitored portable information terminal;

a position information receiving unit receiving the position information of the monitored portable information terminal, corresponding to the request, from the central system;

a self-position information acquisition unit obtaining the position information of the monitoring portable information terminal;

a map retrieval unit searching the map data storage unit for map data representing both a position of the monitored portable information terminal and a position of the monitoring portable information terminal; and

a display unit displaying the map data retrieved by the map retrieval unit.

66. (NEW) The portable information terminal according to claim 65, further comprising a GPS receiver, wherein the self-position information acquisition unit obtains the position information of the monitoring portable information terminal by the GPS receiver.

67. (NEW) The portable information terminal according to claim 65, further comprising:
a map data request unit requesting the central system to obtain map data indicating both the position of the monitored portable information terminal and the position of the monitoring portable information terminal by transmitting the position information of the monitored portable information terminal and the position information of the monitoring portable information terminal when the retrieval unit cannot find map data indicating the position of the monitored portable information terminal and the position of the monitoring portable information terminal, wherein the display unit displays the map data received from the central system in response to the request of the map data request unit.